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PATENT APPLICATION  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 66597IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicant: Thomas M. Cowan  
et al.

Appln. No.: 08/821,890

Filed: March 21, 1997

Title: TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION  
FOR SIGNAL SUBSTITUTION

Group Art Unit: 2771

Examiner: Uyen Le

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A Status Request was submitted in the above-identified patent application (the subject application) and we received a Reply stating that the application was abandoned on June 16, 2000 for failure to respond to an Office Action. A copy of this Reply from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed in the subject application on June 16, 2000 in response to which a petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment was filed on August 9, 2000. A decision on that petition, dated September 26, 2000, stated that the holding of abandonment was withdrawn and that the file was being returned to Technology Center 2700 for further

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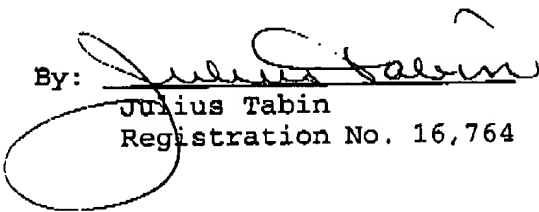
examination. A copy of the September 26, 2000 Decision on petition is attached.

Please acknowledge that the subject application is not abandoned and begin examination of application Serial No. 08/821,890 as directed in the Decision on petition.

Respectfully requested,

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed August 9, 2000, under 37 CFR 1.8 and 1.10 which is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**:

Under current Office procedure, a response that has an incorrect application number is handled in accordance with MPEP 508.03. If a paper having an incorrect application number contains sufficient information to identify the correct application and was timely filed, the holding of abandonment will be withdrawn. In reviewing the papers submitted, it is concluded that the information contained thereon was sufficient to associate the papers with the instant file.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for further examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

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